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Meeting Minutes September 2, 2009

Art Ratley

The September 2009 meeting of the Rio Grande flyers was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by club President Bill Robinson. There were approximately 18 people present at Ruby's BBQ in Pharr.

Motion was made by Rick and second by Bob to approve the minutes of the August meeting as published in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Roger Bell passed out tickets for the Grand Raffle and reported a balance of \$1515.00 in the treasury. Roger also reported that it was Art Brocks wishes to donate his riding lawn tractor mower to the club along with a \$1,000.00 gift. A ceremony was held at the field on Sunday August 23rd to remember Art and to spread Art's ashes over an area of the field.

There were no safety issues to report in the past month.

Old Business: October 4th is the date for the Tri-club Fun fly competition hosted by the Rio Grande flyers club. Bob Berry (Special Events Coordinator) gave a detailed report on the events for the competition. This information will be posted in the newsletter and will be accessible to all members in the other two clubs. Pilots meeting will be at 10:00 A.M. Sunday October 4th. Volunteers from the RG Flyers will be needed to help with the record keeping for each event.

After the competition, Hot dogs, beans, chips and water will be provided by the RG Flyers.

Saturday October 3rd will be a clean up day at the field at 10:00 A.M.

October Meeting Notice

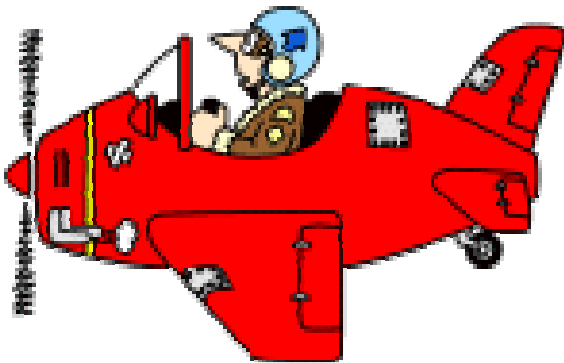
The October meeting will be held on Wednesday October 7th at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be at Rudy's restaurant, located at 209 W. Nolana In Pharr. The club usually arrives at 6 PM for dinner with the meeting beginning at 7 PM.



New Business: Information about the Bomber Field Fun fly on September 18th and 19th may be obtained by calling Gary Dye at (956) 581 4340.

Gary Dye, who is a Team pilot with Horizon Hobbies, gave a very interesting and informative seminar on a lot of new products available from Horizon. Gary displayed the T-34 Electric progressive trainer with all the necessary equipment to get started flying quickly.

Next meeting will be held at Rudy's BBQ on October 7th. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.



Calendar of Events



- Bomber Field September 18 - 20
- Clean-up 10AM
- Oct 4 Tri Club Competition 10 AM
- Oct 7 Club Meeting Rudy's
- October 17 & 18 San Juan Air Show

Tri-Club Fun-fly Competition 2009

When: Sunday, October 4, 2009 10:00 – 4:00

Where: Rio Grande Flyers Field, Penitas – see club web site for map

Club presidents will each draw an event from the hat. Pilots will draw numbers for order of competition. This will be your number throughout the day. Each competitor should use the same airplane for all events. In the case of a crash or major engine damage, a second plane will be allowed. Times will be recorded to the nearest 10th second.

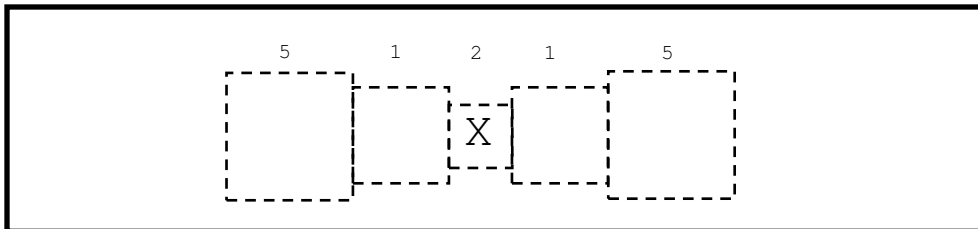
1. Dead Stick Spot Landing – The pilot will take off and climb to 100+ ft and kill the engine. Throttle-up to ensure engine is off. Pilot then glides his/her aircraft to land and roll into one of the scoring boxes. The score will be the box with the highest score in which any one of the landing gear comes to rest. [If most of the plane is in the 10-pt box but the nose gear is in the 20-pt box, the score is 20.] If the plane comes to rest with none of the gear inside a box or on the line, the pilot scores zero, even if part of the plane overhangs a scoring box. *If a pilot cannot kill his/her engine within 30 seconds of the kill command, the pilot must land to allow another competitor to go and scores zero.*

2. Loops & Rolls – The pilot will take off and execute a loop and a roll, a loop and a roll, a loop and a roll and then do a touch and go. This is repeated with landing after the 2nd loop and roll series. Time begins at lift-off and ends at touch-down after the 2nd series. The times will be ranked from lowest to highest by the number of contestants. If there are 20 contestants, the lowest time will score 20 and the highest time will score 1.

3. Bomb Drop – Each pilot will attach a cup to his/her plane and place a hard-boiled egg in the cup. The pilot takes off and then tries to drop the egg in one of the scoring boxes. We changed the target to boxes to make it a higher scoring event.

4. Touch-n-Go – The pilot will take off and attempt to do touch & go landings in the scoring boxes. The 2-minute time period will begin at lift-off. Scoring will be based on where the first part of the plane touches. [If the main gear touches first in the 10-pt box and the nose wheel then touches in the 20-pt box, the score is 10.]

5. Fast & Slow - Take off, make fast pass down runway in regular pattern, second pass made slow. Time starts when plane crosses the down-wind end of the runway and ends when the plane crosses the up-wind end. Starter at down-wind end of runway, timer/scorer at up-wind end of runway. Score = slow÷fast times.



Scoring boxes, center box is 10'x10' Score 20, middle boxes are 15'x15' Score 10, outer boxes are 20'x20' Score 5.

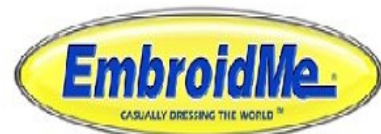


Club Shirts & Custom Items

The club has contracted with EmbroidMe for club related graphics and Logos. You can take your shirts to the store and they will embroider them for you. It takes about a week.

Price List :

- Option 1 Large logo on back Name on right chest \$23.00
- Option 2 Opt1 + Small logo on Left Chest \$30.00
- Option 3 Opt 1 & 2 + American & Texas flags 1 on each sleeve \$40.00



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